

WOODNEWTON NEWS

DECEMBER 2020



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Woodnewton Parish Council

Parish Council Report – November 2020

The Parish Council met on 2nd November

The Council met again this month via internet conferencing which enables business to carry on under the current restrictions.

Churchyard

A member of the public attended to present a proposal concerning the management of the Church Yard. It was suggested this peaceful facility in the village may benefit from a small area being less intensely mown with a view to increasing biodiversity in the area, allowing wildflowers to grow and insect habitats to develop. This would perhaps encourage people who currently walk through the Church Yard, in one gate and out of another, to spend more time there, relax and contemplate.

It would be a small gradual change, seeking advice and working with the village to gain support. It was noted that this had been successful in the Church Yard at Stoke Doyle and further advice could be taken from the Northants Wildlife Trust.

In summary, the Parish Council agreed in principle for the member of public to pursue ideas and work on a proposal to share with the Parish Council at a later date.

Playground Equipment

The restoration of the Roundabout and Rocking Horse is progressing well. All the work is being done by volunteers. Cllr Blackmore has unearthed some original sales literature for these items produced by Wickstead dating back to the 1920s which was very interesting and underlines why the Council felt it important that these vintage pieces are maintained, kept safe and fully functioning for the future.

It is hoped that the work will be completed in December.



Cemetery

An increase in Cemetery fees was discussed and after much consideration it was agreed that a one-off increase for non-village residents who wish to be buried in Woodnewton would apply from 1st January 2021. After a ten year period without any increase in fees, and the sensitive nature of issue it was determined that an objective and transparent process be put in place for calculating future rises so that the Councillors do not find themselves in this difficult position again. It was agreed that from January 2022 all fees would increase annually by the published inflation rate.

Bonfire Site

As always, these things do not happen by themselves and without a willing band of helpers, providing this facility to the village would not be possible.

Parking

Parking continues to be an issue in the village especially parking on pavements which is anti-social and is proving a very real problem for those who are less mobile. It was agreed that polite notices will be placed on offending vehicles..

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday 7th December** at 8.00pm

Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman

St Mary's Church News

Woodnewton Church News – December

As I write in mid-November, we are experiencing our second lock-down and church services have been suspended for the rest of this month. Instead of in-person services, we have resumed our 10 am service on Zoom. Do contact me for the link to that.

Looking towards December, it is difficult to anticipate what might be allowed as we leave lock-down (hopefully!) and particularly what the regulations will be for gatherings over Christmas. The most important thing is that we know that Christmas is not cancelled – how could we cancel the celebration of Christ's birth?! Our services may be different, but we will celebrate the incarnation of our Saviour and rejoice in God's love one way or another!

Although the second lock-down began in the week just before Remembrance Sunday, we were able to hold a different sort of Remembrance with limited attendance, and thank you to all who had a part in that. Holding the service in the churchyard demonstrated that outdoor services could work, and indeed, made social distancing easier. The singing of the National Anthem by everyone was even allowed, so maybe we will be allowed to sing outdoors again for Christmas.

That Remembrance Service may well offer a template for some of our Christmas services. At the moment we have no idea what the regulations for public worship will be, but something like a short outdoor Carol Service could be possible. Children's groups, with strict social distancing in place, were allowed before the lock-down and this suggests we may be able to hold some sort of Christingle for our families. How we manage the numbers for our Christmas morning service will need careful attention, but we hope to make it possible to share Holy Communion on that most significant day.

We aren't putting any dates on these plans yet as we would normally do, but keep an eye on the church notice board by the gate and in the porch where our services will be advertised in due course, or do get in touch with me to find out what is happening.

If we are allowed services from the beginning of December and that is the current expectation, we will begin the month with a service of Holy Communion on 6th December at our usual time of 9.30 a.m. and then plan for later in the month when the new regulations become clearer.

I'm sorry that everything is rather vague at the moment, but in all the uncertainty, we can stand firm in the assurance of God's love and presence with us at all times and in all places. May we know his blessing in all things, and rejoice in the Good News of Christmas, however we celebrate the feast.

With my blessings and prayers,

Rev. Jane (01780 782271 – jdtailby@aol.com)

COVID-19 Message from NCC Public Health Director

Dear Residents,

I am writing to you directly, as we enter the winter period, to inform you of the current situation relating to COVID-19 in Northamptonshire and specifically the areas in which you live. I'm also going to share some key tips to help you and your families stay safe during the winter period and how to access support if you need to self-isolate, if you become unwell, or if you require help with shopping, medication or loneliness.

We are currently seeing the largest rise in cases in Northamptonshire since the first national lockdown. Positive cases range across all age groups, but significantly are largest in the age groups from 10-59. We know that these age groups are amongst the most sociable, go to school, university or work, and may be involved in the care of others, children and / or older people.

Worryingly, we are also seeing a rise in cases amongst those aged over 60. This age group is the group that are most likely to become severely unwell should they get COVID-19, they may need to stay in hospital and sadly, as we are starting to see once again, more of this age group are likely to die from the virus.

Transmission can easily spread within families, especially where children and parents mix with grandparents and particularly in indoor settings. Whilst we recognise the importance of social interaction, we would recommend that if you have to work with or care for someone who is older or more vulnerable, or if you ordinarily mix with grandparents, that you consider reducing your social contacts elsewhere, or move your interactions with those older, more vulnerable contacts to an online format where possible during the winter period.

The introduction of recent national lockdown guidance will help us to reduce community transmission of the virus. Community transmission is where the virus spreads in households with people mixing in indoor spaces, in particular. We would recommend that where anyone enters your home, or you theirs, for example for childcare purposes, that everyone wears a face covering, maintains a two metre social distance, and keeps interactions as short as possible. Continue to wash your hands regularly and clean any surfaces or contact points such as door handles, cupboard handles and taps.

If you have any concerns about whether you may have COVID-19, need to get a test, need more support for someone who is vulnerable or need to check the current guidance and what you can and cannot do, visit Northamptonshire County Council website www.northamptonshire.gov.uk

We all need to work hard to ensure that case numbers reduce in our local area, to ensure that we keep the people we love safe, and so that we can return to a more normal way of living as soon as possible when the national measures come to an end. We are all in this together and all of our actions contribute to the outcomes we face. Let's continue to work together, to wash our hands regularly, to wear our face coverings and to keep two metres from others.

Lucy Wightman

Director of Public Health, Northamptonshire County Council



WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL



Dog Fouling

Please clean up after your dog.

To raise any issues please contact the Parish Council:
woodnewtonpc@gmail.com



East
Northamptonshire
Council

Date: Wednesday, 18 November 2020

Council funding on offer to help communities during the coronavirus pandemic

Communities across East Northamptonshire have received much needed funding boosts to help with their coronavirus support efforts thanks to East

Northamptonshire Council's Member Empowerment Fund.

Every year, each ENC district councillor is allocated £1,000 to spend on small community based projects. The money can be awarded to parish/town councils, community groups, voluntary organisations and charities who work in East Northamptonshire.

Over the past few months, a growing number of projects have benefitted from additional monies to support their coronavirus support efforts, including:

- A deep clean of a community facility in Irthlingborough to ensure that it could re-open to the public for community activities
- To provide free packed lunches to school pupils during this year's summer holidays
- To purchase food supplies for the newly formed community food bank in Thrapston

Cllr Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, explains more:

"Since we launched the Member Empowerment Fund in 2011, communities across the district have benefitted from over £300,000 of grant funding and this year the fund seems more important than ever with funds being used for a variety of projects related to the coronavirus effort.

"If you, or someone you know, has a community project which will help at this difficult time, but needs a little bit extra push make it happen, then please do have a chat with your local councillor."

This will be the last year of MEF, with the new North Northamptonshire Council coming into existence in April 2021.

To find out more about the scheme and/or to apply for funding, please visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/mef or speak to your councillor, contact details can be found at www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/councillors

Woodnewton Support Group

The excellent work of the Woodnewton Support Group during the days of lockdown was recognised by a kind donation which they did not use. The Support Group offered the Woodnewton News a donation of £50 to help with our costs of production.

A big thank you from the Newsletter team to the Support Group and the original donor..

We would like to say a big Thank You to all the members of the Woodnewton Support Group who did such sterling work in the wake of the Lockdown Announcement. The speed with which the Group reacted was amazing and at a time of such uncertainty the positive message and offers of very diverse forms of assistance were very much appreciated.

Happy Christmas wishes to you all and Kindest Regards from Janet and Geoff Rawding



We will not be sending Christmas Cards to friends and neighbours in the village this year, but instead we will be donating money to assist with the running of the village newsletter.

Christmas Greetings to our friends and neighbours and all those on their own during these difficult times. Also wishing you all a very Happy and Healthy 2021

Augusta & Michael Barnwell

Richard & Louise Brown

Peter Clark

Joan, Trevor & Philip Danks

Brenda & Geoff Dannell

Anne & Henry Galloway

Kurt Grunseid

Marilyn & Russ Jenner

Marilyn Oliver

Eunice & Mark Williams

Jennie & Phil Wood

Grant & Alex Neville

Dogwalkers make your self visible

On these dark evenings and mornings staying visible if you are walking on the roads with or without your dog is important to save your skin and to spare the guilt of a driver who may hit you. Stay safe - stay visible, wear something reflective or light in colour.

Missing Cat

I last saw Panda about six to eight weeks ago, he is a wanderer who can sometimes disappear for a couple of weeks at a time, but never for this long.

I inherited him from Pam Darvill but though he was happy to visit, be fed and curl up for a while, he did not like being kept in. He is a full Tom, big face, skinny tail and when he trusts you is very affectionate. He is quite a character and will go into other people's houses via cat flaps and windows. He became very thin in the summer despite eating well. If you have seen him, or heard him (he is quite vocal) please can you let me know .

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Lost the Plot

The Upsides of Lockdown Christmas

As I write this we are in the middle of Lockdown 2.0. Unlike the original we have been given an idea of when this should end. We have been promised a family Christmas will be possible but as my own faith in Boris and his band of increasingly clueless chums diminishes by the week I am looking forward to a lockdown Christmas. There will be many who view this prospect with trepidation and gloom, but I think there are some potential upsides to a Christmas in relative isolation. Here are a few things that I can look forward to positively rather than in dread.

The much lauded and anticipated "Family Christmas" involves the invasion of the relatives. This means sorting out the spare bedroom, laundering the linens and towels and generally cleaning and tidying the house so as not to be embarrassed by the usual squalor that is easy to live with when there's nobody else about. If there's no familial invasion then there is no need for a winter spring-clean. Once they have arrived they sit in your favourite chair, want to watch reality TV programmes that don't usually pollute the screen of your Samsung, with the volume turned up to 11 and upset the comfortable routine.

If you don't have a big Family Christmas then the thorny problem of buying those presents that nobody actually needs can be replaced by just getting them an Amazon* voucher or sending some money. The flip side of this is that you don't need to pretend that you love the presents that are not quite what you wanted, because there's nobody there to be upset by your obvious disappointment.

Food is a big Christmas thing. There's

always too much and lots of it gets wasted. You can cut back on the massive (and over-rated) turkey and not have to live on turkey curry/sandwiches/lasagne/trifle every day until the Lords a-leaping arrive. You can eat what you want and feel good about not throwing so much away. You can even eat cold baked beans out of the tin.

The other big consumption item at Christmas for many is booze. To play the hospitable host it's de rigueur to lay on great quantities of alcoholic beverages. But you really don't want to be wasting that epic Barolo or special single malt on the philistines who knock it back like Stella. No relatives means you can spoil yourself with fine champagne and vintage claret..

The mix of booze and visitors usually means that somebody has to drive, so there is one poor soul who misses out and wants to go home early. No driving, no problem.

I do understand that having the grandchildren around at Christmas is a highlight for many. But with Skype and Zoom and other networking apps it's more than possible to enjoy the day with them while reducing the risk and keeping the infectious little devils at a safe distance. And you get the added bonus that they won't be bouncing off the walls at 5 in the morning or rubbing mashed banana and Christmas pudding into the upholstery.

I am sure that as you read this most of you are hoping that Christmas will be almost normal and if it is you can reflect on my Scrooge like musings and be assured that if the family has arrived at my place, I shall be having a suitably grumpy Christmas.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
The Grumpy Geek

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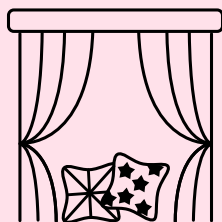
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